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MINISTRY OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE

(Department of Food)

ORDER.

New Delhi, the 30th November, 1962.

G.S.R. 1635.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), and in supersession of the Rice and Paddy (Assam) Price Control Order, 1962, published with the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Department of Food) No. G.S.R. 878, dated the 25th June, 1962, the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Order may be called the Rice and Paddy (Assam) Second Price Control Order, 1962.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Definitions.*—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “sale in wholesale quantities” means sale in quantities of 4 quintals or more in any one transaction;

(b) “Schedule” means a schedule to this Order;

(c) “wholesaler” means any person engaged in the purchase, sale or storage for sale of rice or paddy and holding a valid licence under the Assam Foodgrains (Licensing and Control) Order, 1961;

(d) “zone” means a zone within the State of Assam specified in column 1 of Schedules I to III.

3. *Prices for sale or purchase of paddy.*—(1) The maximum price at which Winter paddy or Autumn (Ahu) paddy may be sold in wholesale quantities in an area within a zone specified in column 1 of Schedule I to this Order shall be as specified in the corresponding entry for the relevant variety in column 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 of the said Schedule.

(2) The price of any grade of Winter paddy or Autumn (Ahu) paddy payable to a grower in a village in an area within a zone specified in column 1 of Schedule II shall not be less than the rate specified for that grade against that zone in column 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 of the said Schedule.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (1) or sub-clause (2),—

- (a) where Winter paddy of any grade is sold or purchased in the months of November, December, January and February of any year, a cut on account of moisture shall be imposed at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, 5 per cent and $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. respectively on the price payable for that grade under sub-clause (1) or as the case may be, under sub-clause (2);
- (b) where Autumn (Ahu) paddy of any grade other than Ekra paddy is sold or purchased in any area within a zone, except areas falling within the District of Cachar, in the months of June, July, August, September, and October, of any year, a cut on account of moisture at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. during June and July, 5 per cent. during August, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. during September, and October, shall be imposed on the price payable for that grade of paddy under sub-clause (1) or, as the case may be, under sub-clause (2);
- (c) where Autumn (Ahu) paddy of any grade other than Ekra paddy is sold or purchased in an area falling within the District of Cachar, in the months of June, July, and August, of any year, a cut on account of moisture at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. during any such month and where such paddy is sold or purchased in that area in the months of September, and October, of any year, a cut on account of moisture at the rate of 5 per cent. and $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. respectively shall be imposed on the price payable for that grade of paddy under sub-clause (1) or, as the case may be, under sub-clause (2);
- (d) where Autumn (Ahu) Ekra paddy of any grade is sold or purchased in the months of October, November, and December, of any year, a cut on account of moisture at the rate of $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. during the October, and 4 per cent. during November, and December, shall be imposed on the price payable for that grade of paddy under sub-clause (1) or, as the case may be, under sub-clause (2).

4. *Saving*.—Nothing in this Order shall apply to the sale or purchase of seed-paddy by the Government of the State of Assam or an officer authorized by that Government.

5. *Maximum price for sale of rice*.—The maximum price ex-mill chargeable by a miller for sale in wholesale quantities of any grade of Winter rice or Autumn (Ahu) rice of Arua or Ushna varieties in an area within a zone specified in column 1 of Schedule III shall not exceed the rate specified for that grade and variety against that zone in column 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 of the said Schedule:

Provided that when rice is supplied f.o.r., f.o.b. or into Government godowns, the specified prices shall be increased by 27 nP. per quintal.

6. *Maximum price chargeable by a wholesaler*.—The maximum price per quintal of any grade of Winter rice or Autumn (Ahu) rice of Arua or Ushna varieties chargeable by a wholesaler shall be,—

- (i) the maximum ex-mill price chargeable for that grade and variety specified in Schedule III;
- (ii) a margin of profit of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on such ex-mill price; and
- (iii) such transport charges for the transport of the rice from the wholesaler's source of supply to his places of business as may be determined by such authority and in such manner as the Government of the State of Assam may specify in this behalf.

7. *Interpretation*.—For the purposes of this Order,—

- (a) the prices specified in Schedules I to III are for naked grains;
- (b) for paddy of both varieties and all grades thereof—
 - (i) when it is supplied in new sound bags, the specified prices shall be increased by Rs. 2.41 nP. per quintal, and

- (ii) when it is supplied in old but serviceable bags, the specified prices shall be increased by Rs. 1.21 nP. per quintal inclusive of sales-tax which shall be borne by the supplier;
- (c) for rice of both varieties and all grades thereof—
 - (i) when it is supplied in new sound bags, the specified prices shall be increased by Rs. 2.14 nP per quintal, and
 - (ii) when it is supplied in old but serviceable bags, the specified prices shall be increased by Rs. 1.07 nP. per quintal inclusive of sales tax which shall be borne by the supplier;
- (d) for all paddy (other than paddy supplied to mills against rice contracts), and for all rice supplied ex-Government godowns, the maximum specified price shall be increased by $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent;
- (e) the price for paddy or rice specified in Schedules I to III are for paddy or rice of fair average quality conforming to the specifications prescribed for paddy in Schedule IV, and for rice in Schedule V; for paddy or rice below the fair average quality, the maximum prices shall be determined by reducing the prices specified in the appropriate Schedule by the amount of cuts indicated in Schedule IV or, as the case may be, Schedule V.

SCHEDULE I

[See Clause 3(1)]

Zones		Maximum price per quintal of Winter red grain paddy	Maximum price per quintal of Winter coarse (Sali) paddy	Maximum price per quintal of Winter fine (Lahi) paddy	Maximum price per quintal of Winter superfine (Joha/Sahebali) paddy	Maximum price per quintal of Autumn (Ahu) coarse paddy	Maximum price per quintal of Autumn (Ahu) Ekra paddy	Maximum price per quintal of Autumn (Ahu) Fine/ Terabali paddy
I		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
I.	Kamrup District—North of Brahmaputra river, Darrang District and North Lakhimpur Sub-division excluding Daakuakhana, Machkhowa, Gohain and Bordoloni Mouzas	27.78	29.12	30.70	35.71	25.61	26.74	26.74
II.	Kamrup District—South of Brahmaputra river, Nowgong District, Goalpara, Kokrajhar, Hallakandi and Silchar Sub-divisions and United Mikir and North Cachar Hills excluding Howraghat, Bakalia, Dokmoka, Fuloni and Parakhowa areas and Golaghat and Jorhat Sub-divisions of Sibsagar District excluding Majuli areas	28.45	29.79	31.53	36.54	26.28	27.41	27.41
III.	Dubri, Kurimganj, Sibsagar Sub divisions and Dibrugarh Sub division excluding the areas (Dhemaji areas) on the North of Brahmaputra River and Transferred areas of Tirap Frontier Tract and Markongselek Transferred area	29.12	30.46	32.36	37.38	26.95	28.08	28.08
IV.	Majuli area of Sibsagar District, areas—to the North of Brahmaputra river (Dhemaji area) of Dibrugarh Sub division and Daakuakhana, Gohain, Machkhowa and Bordoloni Mouzas of North Lakhimpur Sub-division, Tirap Transferred area and Markongselek Transferred area and Howraghat, Bakalia, Dokmoka, Fuloni and Parakhowa areas of the United Mikir and North Cachar Hills.	27.11	28.45	29.87	34.88	24.94	26.07	26.07

SCHEDULE II
[See Clause 3(2)]

Zones		Minimum price per quintal of Winter red grain paddy	Minimum price per quintal of Winter coarse (Sali) paddy.	Minimum price per quintal of Winter fine (Lahi) paddy.	Minimum price per quintal of Winter superfine (Joha/ Sahebali) paddy.	Minimum price per quintal of Autumn (Ahu) coarse paddy	Minimum price per quintal of Autumn (Ahu) E kra paddy	Minimum price per quintal of Autumn (Ahu) fine/ Terabali paddy.
I		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
I.	Kamrup District—North of Brahmaputra river, Darrang District and North Lakhimpur Sub-division excluding Dhakuakhana, Machkhowa, Gohain and Bordoloni Mauzas	25.10	26.44	28.02	33.03	22.93	24.06	24.06
II.	Kamrup District—South of Brahmaputra river, Nowgong District, Goalpara, Kokrajhar, Hailakandi and Silchar Sub-divisions and United Mikir and North Cachar Hills excluding Howraghat, Bakalia, Dokmoka, Fuloni and Parakhowa areas and Golaghat and Jorhat Subdivisions of Sibsagar District excluding Majuli areas	25.77	27.11	28.85	33.86	23.60	24.73	24.73
III.	Dubri, Karimganj, Sibsagar Sub-divisions and Dibrugarh Subdivisions excluding the areas (Dhemaji area) on the North of Brahmaputra river & Transferred areas of Tirap Frontier Tract and Mirkongselek Transferred area	26.44	27.68	29.68	34.70	24.27	25.40	25.40
IV.	Majuli area of Sibsagar District, areas to the North of Brahmaputra river (Dhemaji area) of Dibrugarh Sub-division and Dhakuakhana, Gohain, Machkhowa and Bordoloni Mouzas of North Lakhimpur Sub-division, Tirap Transferred area and Mirkongselek Transferred area and Howraghat, Bakalia, Dokmoka, Fuloni and Parakhowa areas of the United Mikir and North Cachar Hills	24.43	25.77	27.19	32.20	22.26	23.39	23.39

SCHEDULE III
(See Clause 5)

Zones	Maximum ex-Mill price per quintal of red grain rice	Maximum ex-Mill price per quintal of Winter coars (Sali) rice	Maximum ex-Mill price per quintal of Winter fine (Lahu) rice	Maximum ex-Mill price per quintal of Winter Super fine (Joha/Sahebali) rice	Maximum ex-Mill price per quintal of Autumn (Ahu) coarse rice	Maximum ex-Mill price per quintal of Autumn (Ahu) Ekra rice	Maximum ex-Mill price per quintal of Autumn (Ahu) nne/Terabali rice								
	(Arua Ushna)	(Arua Ushna)	(Arua Ushna)	(Arua Ushna)	(Arua Ushna)	(Arua Ushna)	(Arua Ushna)								
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8								
	Rs.nP.	Rs.nP.	Rs.nP.	Rs.nP.	Rs.nP.	Rs.nP.	Rs.nP.								
I	Kamrup District—North of Brahmaputra river, Darrang District and North Lakhimpur Sub-division excluding Dhakua-khona, Machkhowa, Gohain and Bordoloni Mauzas. . .	48.20	46.33	50.35	48.39	53.93	51.82	66.15	63.42	49.70	47.56	50.03	47.96	53.85	51.69
II.	Kamrup District—South of Brahmaputra river, Nowgong District, Goalpara, Kokrajhar, Hailakandi and Sibsagar Sub-Divisions and United Mikir and North Cachar Hills excluding Howraghat, Bakalia, Dokmoka, Fuloni and Parakhowa areas and Golaghat and Jorhat Sub-divisions of Sibsagar District excluding Majuli areas .	49.27	47.37	51.42	49.44	55.29	53.13	67.70	64.78	50.88	48.71	51.18	49.06	55.11	52.09

III. Dhubri, Karimganj, Sibsagar Sub-divisions and Dibrugarh Sub-division excluding the areas (Dhemaji areas) on the North of Brahmaputra river and Transferred areas of Tirap Frontier Tract and Markongselek Transferred area	50.35	48.39	52.49	50.45	56.66	54.41	69.04	66.18	52.04	49.84	52.33	50.16	56.37	54.09
IV. Majuli area of Sibsagar District, areas—to the North of Brahmaputra river (Dhemaji area) of Dibrugarh Sub-division and Dha-kkhana, Gohain, Machkhowa, and Bordoloni Mouzas of North Lakhimpur Sub-division Tirap Transferred area and Markongselek Transferred area and Howraghat, Bakalia, Dokmoka, Fuloni and Parakhowa areas of the United Mikir and North Cachar Hills	47.10	45.31	49.27	47.37	52.57	50.53	64.73	62.02	48.50	46.43	48.87	46.86	52.60	50.48

SCHEDULE IV

[See Clause 6 (c)].

*Specification**Fair average quality of paddy*

Paddy shall be in sound, merchantable condition, dry, clean, of uniform colour and grain size and free from dirt, foreign matter, chaff or immature grains and free from mould, musty or obnoxious odour, excessive moisture and free from signs of weevil or insect attack and all impurities except to the extent indicated in the table below:—

Constituent of admixtures	Tolerance limit (per cent)		Rate at which cuts shall be imposed for every one per cent or part of one per cent over tolerance limit in column 2.
	Winter paddy	Ahu paddy	
1	2		3
1. Dirt, mud, sand, chaff and other similar foreign matter	2.0	3.0	At full value.
2. Admixture of other grades of paddy	3.5	3.5	Over tolerance limit and upto 5 per cent at half value*.

*For stocks containing admixture of other grades exceeding 5 per cent, the maximum price shall be three-fourths of the prices specified therefor for fair average quality.

SCHEDULE V

[See Clause 6(c)]

*Specification**Fair average quality of rice.*

Rice shall be in sound, merchantable condition, sweet, dry, clean, wholesome, of good food value, uniform in colour and size of grain and free from mould, weevils, smell, discolouration, admixture of deleterious substances or colouring agents and all impurities except to the extent indicated in the table below:—

Constituent of admixtures	Kind of rice	Tolerance limit (per cent)	Rate at which cuts shall be imposed for every one per cent or part of one per cent over the tolerance limits specified in column 3.
1	2	3	4
1. Broken and fragments.	(a) Boiled rice	15	Over 15 per cent at half value.
	(b) Raw rice	17.5	Over 17.5 per cent at half value.
2. Dirt, foreign matter and paddy or unhusked grains.	Boiled or raw rice.	0.5	Over 0.5 per cent at full value.
3. Damaged, discoloured and weevil-led grains.	(a) Raw rice	3.0	Over 3 per cent at three-fourths value.
	(b) Boiled rice	2.0	Over 2 per cent at three-fourths value.
4. Red grains and other varieties	(a) Raw rice	3.5	Over 3.5 per cent at half value.
	(b) Boiled rice	2.0	Over 2 per cent at half value.

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